



# TOUCHING BASE

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## SportsEvents Magazine Names River City Sportsplex Top Venue

*Facility one of eight receiving most votes in Facebook contest*

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SportsEvents magazine has named Chesterfield County’s River City Sportsplex one of its “ULTIMATE Soccer and Lacrosse Destinations and Venues” after a nationwide Facebook contest and will feature River City Sportsplex in its April edition. According to SportsEvents Magazine, more than 16,300 people were reached on Facebook with over 1,000 votes tallied. River City Sportsplex received 133 votes, the most from a list of 30 destinations and venues.

River City Sportsplex is a 115-acre multisport athletic complex that is home to one of the largest pods of synthetic turf fields in the U.S. The complex currently boasts 12 all-weather synthetic turf fields near each other, providing an ideal location to host various soccer and lacrosse events year-round in one location. Tournament organizers

continue to recognize River City Sportsplex as the place to bring their events because of the facility’s first-class amenities and outstanding customer service that have resulted in growing the number of events there. In 2017, the facility hosted 25 soccer and lacrosse event weekends. River City Sportsplex is expecting to see 27 soccer or lacrosse events in 2018.



# ROCKWOOD NATURE CENTER

## Let's Go on a Shamrock Hunt

On Friday, March 16, little nature sprouts aged 3-5, met at the Rockwood Nature Center for a shamrock hunt which included nature explorations, crafts and stories.



## ETTRICK RECREATION CENTER

### Goals with Gordon

A new fitness warrior is on the block! Goals with Gordon is held on Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. through the month of April (not held 4/19) with a new session beginning in May. Sports Backers Fitness Warrior, Elicia Gordon, leads various types of workouts during this fun and free fitness program. There is no such thing as a typical class. Please call the Ettrick Recreation Center for more details.



## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

### Wild and Scenic Film Fest Table

Greg Velzy & Shawna Shade with the Chesterfield Parks and Recreation display at the Wild and Scenic Film Festival in Richmond. This event recognized the 50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers act by Congress.



## HISTORY

### Chesterfield County Museum Complex visitors

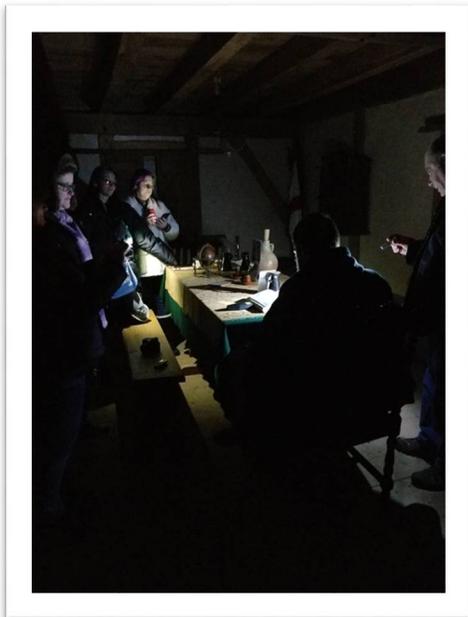
About 50 students from Thomas Dale High School visited the Chesterfield Museum Complex recently. The students were completing an assignment for their U.S. and Virginia Government class. They were especially interested in the history of the Old Jail, and learning about the history of Thomas Dale as part of the main exhibit at the Chesterfield County Museum. The group also visited Historic Trinity Church and examined the rotating exhibit space in the conference room learning about the history of early African American school houses and the history of Rosenwald schools that were constructed across the deep South including Virginia.



# HENRICUS HISTORICAL PARK

## Spring Paranormal Investigation

The Spring Paranormal Investigation sold out last Saturday! Thirty people joined Henricus staff and the Commonwealth Researchers of the Paranormal for an overnight investigation of the site. Some attendees stayed up until the early hours of the morning, while others had the experience of sleeping in one of our re-created buildings.



# ATHLETICS

## Chesterfield Tennis Association

The Chesterfield Tennis Association, a co-sponsored group with Parks and Recreation were undefeated in regular season, undefeated at Regionals and undefeated at Sectionals. They attended the BNP Paribas Open at the Nationals level representing Richmond, VA.



## PARK OPERATIONS

Andrew Spain and Troy Dean clean up after storm damage on the trails.



Repainted 100-gallon tank sprayer and serviced it for this coming herbicide application season.

## SERVICE RECOGNITION

On Wednesday, March 14, the Board of Supervisors recognized Principal Maintenance Worker Larry A. Ninio upon his retirement, effective March 1, 2018 after 35 years of service.



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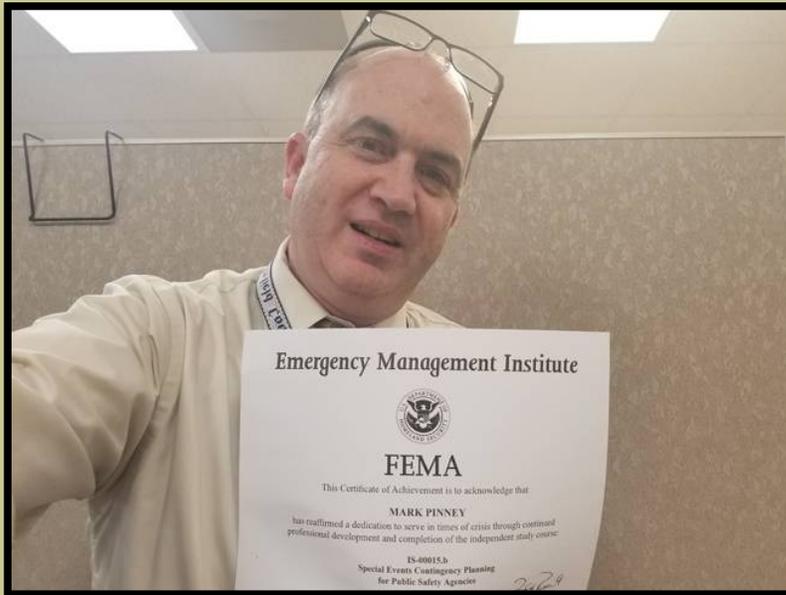


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Mark Pinney, Special Events Coordinator, passed the FEMA Special Events Contingency Planning for Public Safety Agencies Course.